Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Yes, Sir. Where extraordinary work is necessary to prepare an answer the official member may be allowed to say that the time and labour involved would be too much.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: How can the official member gauge the purpose for which we have asked the question and whether it is commensurate with the possible benefits derivable therefrom. I wish to raise a point of order. Such an answer is not in order.

President: Ever since this Council was established, honourable members will find that similar answers were being given to questions of this character?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: These answers are not the answers of the department; they are given on behalf of Government?

Export of tapioca flour.

57. * **Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any quantity of tapioca or tapioca flour was exported from the State during the current year; and

(*b*) if so, the quantity exported till 1-11-1117?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 21,830 tons 3 cwts. and 96 lbs. and 1,903 tons 13 cwts. and 36 lbs., respectively of tapioca and tapioca flour.

Carrying loads on bicycles.

58. * **Mr. James Fletcher:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether very heavy loads are transported by push bicycles at great speed along the public roads;

(*b*) whether memorials signed by a large body of persons have been received by the Government complaining of the risk caused to the pedestrains by the transport of heavy loads like fish on push bicycles;

(*c*) whether any action has been taken by the Government on those memorials; and

(*d*) the maximum load permitted to be carried on a push bicycle while a person rides on it?

Mr. K. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Government are not aware.

(*b*) A petition has been received from certain people urging the need for a rule prohibiting the use of push bicycles to carry heavy loads of fish.

(*c*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

(*d*) No maximum has been fixed.

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